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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Barry C. Arkles, et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1712
Conf. No.:	4427	: : : : :
Appln. No.:	09/221,554	: Examiner: Margaret L
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For:	β -SUBSTITUTED ORGANOSILSESQUIOXANE POLYMERS	: Attorney Docket : 8743-3U2 : (H1274)

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001 (Paper No. 12) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (2 months) to and including February 25, 2002 (February 24, 2002 being a Sunday). Further, A Petition for Suspension of Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a) accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows, including the changes shown in the attached mark-up version.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A photo and thermally labile siloxane polymer which undergoes transformation to SiO_2 -rich films by the elimination of β -substituted alkyl groups, obtained from